

## Death Claims Mrs. Franklin, Swain Native

Mrs. Roxie T. Franklin, a native of Swain County and resident of this county for the past 22 years, died Monday, December 6, at 7:57 a.m. at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Knight Graft, in Franklin. She was 87 and had been in declining health for several years.

Funeral services for Mrs. Franklin were conducted the 8th at 2:30 p.m. at the Central Baptist Church, of which she was a member, by the Rev. John Freeman and the Rev. George Cloer. Burial was in the Well's Grove cemetery with Bernard Higgins, Jim. Bateman, Baxter Ayers, G. D. and Willard Buchanan, and Thad Grant serving as pallbearers.

Born March 8, 1878, she was the daughter of the late John D. and Mrs. Myra Bequire Tabor. Mrs. Franklin taught school in Swain County and was a past president of the Womens Missionary Society of the Franklin Cove Baptist Church in Bryson City and also in Cramerton. She was married Dec. 28, 1901 to David Franklin, of Swain County, who died Nov. 28, 1947. She was a Sunday school teacher for some 60 years.

In addition to Mrs. Grant, surviving are two other daughters, Mrs. Vella Henderson, of Gastonia, and Mrs. Lark Buchanan, of Franklin, Route 5; three sons, G. M. Franklin, of Hollister, Calif., Otis Franklin, of Franklin, Route 12, and Nebo Franklin, of Bellingham, Wash.; a brother, H. H. Tabor, of Virginia Beach, Va.; two sisters, Mrs. Irene Cole, of Deland, Fla., and Mrs. Ida T. Smith, of Rosemead, Calif.; seven grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Potts Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.